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REPORT

TOPIC Exchange of Two Brigades of the 34th Arty Div between Potsdam and Altengrabow

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REMARKS

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1. On 21 July 1955, artillery ammunition and billeting equipment were loaded at the Wildpark railroad station throughout the day. The ammunition was shipped to the station by tractors with trailers and the billeting equipment was shipped there by trucks.
2. After 1800 on 21 July, 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, approximately 18 tractors trucks, 3 field kitchens, and 4 boxcars of soldiers were loaded at the Wildpark railroad station and left for Altengrabow at 2300. The guns had barrels with muzzle brake, approximately 5 meters long and single-disk wheels with unusually thick tires.
3. On 21 July, ammunition and billeting equipment were loaded at the Potsdam railroad station. At 1800, 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, some 15 tractors and an undetermined number of soldiers were entrained, the latter in boxcars. The shipment left for Altengrabow at 0030.
4. During the night of 20/21 July, and on 21 July, the artillery units from the north section of Delius Kaserne (2289) in Potsdam left by rail. The units with guns and vehicles were loaded at the Potsdam freight station and the Wildpark railroad station. The following details were observed:
20 July. At 2330, some 10 Shts-Nati prime movers with truck trailers carrying ammunition boxes left for the Potsdam railroad station.
21 July. At 1600, 5 Shts-Nati prime movers and 10 to 12 Z-65 prime movers with 10 to 11 x 152-mm gun howitzers left for the Wildpark railroad station.
At 1900, approximately 4 Shts-Nati prime movers, 6 Z-65 prime movers, 2 x 76-mm field guns, and 45 to 50 trucks including some carrying troops and billeting equipment left for the Wildpark railroad station.

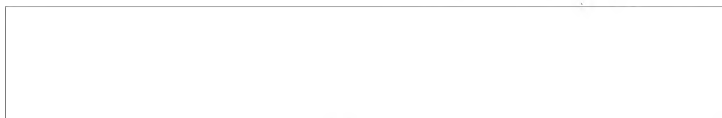
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of tracks and guns with double-tires were seen at the entrance of the installation. At 2330, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was dark, while approximately 80 percent of the windows of the south section and approximately 5 percent of the windows of Ludendorff Kaserne in Potsdam were lighted.


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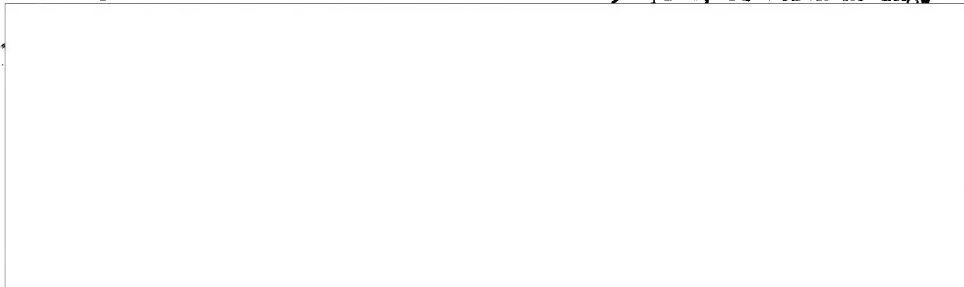
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 Comment. According to the quartering areas mentioned, units of the 30th ~~Eds~~ Gun Arty Brig from the north section of the Delius Kaserne were entrained, while units of the u/i Gun Arty Brig of the 34th Arty Div returned to the south section of the installation. This exchange between Potsdam and Altengrabow of two brigades of the division takes place every year at the same time. The observation of the new 122-mm gun, which had not been reported after its arrival in Potsdam on 19 April, is worth noting.

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